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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 10 Percent From Last Year

On August 1, 2010, Arizona had 248,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 27,000 head from a year ago and down 7,000 head from last month. This is the lowest inventory since November 1, 1999. Placements totaled 21,000 head during July, a decrease of 4,000 head from a year ago. During July, the number of head marketed was 27,000, a decrease of 9,000 head from last July.

On August 1, 2010, California had 435,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 15,000 head from last year but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 51,000 head during July, up 6,000 from last July. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 43,000 head, a decrease of 10,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 48,000 during July, 12 percent above 2009.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

| State     | Number on Feed 1/ |              |         |              |              | Number Placed on Feed |       |                   | Number Marketed |       |                   | Other Disappearance |      |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
|           | Aug 1, 2010       |              |         |              |              | During July           |       |                   | During July     |       |                   | During July 2/      |      |                   |
|           | Aug 1, 2009       | July 1, 2010 | Number  | As % of 2009 | as % of June | 2009                  | 2010  | 2010 as % of 2009 | 2009            | 2010  | 2010 as % of 2009 | 2009                | 2010 | 2010 as % of 2009 |
|           | 1,000 Head        |              | Percent |              |              | 1,000 Head            |       | Percent           | 1,000 Head      |       | Percent           | 1,000 Head          |      | Percent           |
| AZ        | 275               | 255          | 248     | 90           | 97           | 25                    | 21    | 84                | 36              | 27    | 75                | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| CA        | 450               | 430          | 435     | 97           | 101          | 45                    | 51    | 113               | 53              | 43    | 81                | 2                   | 3    | 150               |
| CO        | 850               | 920          | 890     | 105          | 97           | 125                   | 140   | 112               | 180             | 165   | 92                | 5                   | 5    | 100               |
| ID        | 195               | 200          | 185     | 95           | 93           | 33                    | 31    | 94                | 37              | 45    | 122               | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| IA        | 510               | 570          | 560     | 110          | 98           | 61                    | 69    | 113               | 70              | 77    | 110               | 1                   | 2    | 200               |
| KS        | 1,920             | 2,010        | 2,040   | 106          | 101          | 480                   | 500   | 104               | 470             | 460   | 98                | 10                  | 10   | 100               |
| NE        | 1,920             | 2,000        | 1,960   | 102          | 98           | 410                   | 370   | 90                | 400             | 400   | 100               | 10                  | 10   | 100               |
| OK        | 310               | 350          | 335     | 108          | 96           | 69                    | 49    | 71                | 52              | 63    | 121               | 2                   | 1    | 50                |
| SD        | 190               | 215          | 200     | 105          | 93           | 29                    | 33    | 114               | 43              | 47    | 109               | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| TX        | 2,510             | 2,590        | 2,520   | 100          | 97           | 495                   | 470   | 83                | 470             | 470   | 100               | 5                   | 10   | 200               |
| WA        | 138               | 167          | 161     | 117          | 96           | 33                    | 33    | 100               | 40              | 38    | 95                | 1                   | 1    | 100               |
| Other Sts | 369               | 363          | 339     | 92           | 93           | 58                    | 47    | 81                | 84              | 68    | 81                | 4                   | 3    | 75                |
| US        | 9,637             | 10,070       | 9,873   | 102          | 98           | 1,863                 | 1,754 | 94                | 1,935           | 1,903 | 98                | 43                  | 48   | 112               |

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, July 2009-2010

| State          | Milk Cows 1/      |       | Milk Per Cow 2/ |       | Milk Production 2/    |        |                          |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
|                | 2009              | 2010  | 2009            | 2010  | 2009                  | 2010   | Percent change from 2009 |
|                | <i>1,000 Head</i> |       | <i>Pounds</i>   |       | <i>Million Pounds</i> |        | <i>Percent</i>           |
| AZ             | 171               | 179   | 1,800           | 1,870 | 308                   | 335    | 8.8                      |
| CA             | 1,790             | 1,749 | 1,815           | 1,945 | 3,249                 | 3,402  | 4.7                      |
| CO             | 124               | 119   | 1,970           | 2,050 | 244                   | 244    |                          |
| FL             | 115               | 115   | 1,450           | 1,500 | 167                   | 173    | 3.6                      |
| ID             | 550               | 567   | 1,930           | 1,970 | 1,062                 | 1,117  | 5.2                      |
| IL             | 102               | 101   | 1,580           | 1,575 | 161                   | 159    | -1.2                     |
| IN             | 168               | 169   | 1,725           | 1,750 | 290                   | 296    | 2.1                      |
| IA             | 215               | 211   | 1,740           | 1,785 | 374                   | 377    | 0.8                      |
| KS             | 117               | 119   | 1,735           | 1,750 | 203                   | 208    | 2.5                      |
| MI             | 356               | 359   | 1,945           | 1,980 | 692                   | 711    | 2.7                      |
| MN             | 469               | 470   | 1,670           | 1,690 | 783                   | 794    | 1.4                      |
| MO             | 108               | 100   | 1,195           | 1,190 | 129                   | 119    | -7.8                     |
| NM             | 321               | 324   | 2,050           | 2,095 | 658                   | 679    | 3.2                      |
| NY             | 621               | 611   | 1,735           | 1,800 | 1,077                 | 1,100  | 2.1                      |
| OH             | 278               | 270   | 1,630           | 1,690 | 453                   | 456    | 0.7                      |
| OR             | 114               | 120   | 1,695           | 1,745 | 193                   | 209    | 8.3                      |
| PA             | 545               | 541   | 1,640           | 1,680 | 894                   | 909    | 1.7                      |
| TX             | 423               | 415   | 1,700           | 1,775 | 719                   | 737    | 2.5                      |
| UT             | 83                | 85    | 1,840           | 1,850 | 153                   | 157    | 2.6                      |
| VT             | 135               | 137   | 1,570           | 1,540 | 212                   | 211    | -0.5                     |
| VA             | 96                | 95    | 1,510           | 1,515 | 145                   | 144    | -0.7                     |
| WA             | 239               | 252   | 2,015           | 2,030 | 482                   | 512    | 6.2                      |
| WI             | 1,257             | 1,263 | 1,765           | 1,795 | 2,219                 | 2,267  | 2.2                      |
| 23-State Total | 8,397             | 8,371 | 1,771           | 1,830 | 14,867                | 15,316 | 3.0                      |

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

| Class                                | July<br>2009          | June<br>2010  | July<br>2010  | July 2010 as % of |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                      |                       |               |               | July 2009         | June 2010 |
| <b>ARIZONA 2/<br/>Total Red Meat</b> | <i>1,000 Pounds</i>   |               |               | <i>Percent</i>    |           |
|                                      | <b>32,200</b>         | <b>32,300</b> | <b>31,500</b> | <b>98</b>         | <b>98</b> |
| UNITED STATES                        | <i>Million Pounds</i> |               |               | <i>Percent</i>    |           |
|                                      |                       |               |               |                   |           |
| Beef                                 | 2,271.2               | 2,320.7       | 2,230.4       | 98                | 96        |
| Veal                                 | 10.9                  | 10.8          | 10.9          | 101               | 102       |
| Pork                                 | 1,828.5               | 1,831.5       | 1,702.3       | 93                | 93        |
| Lamb and Mutton                      | 13.9                  | 14.1          | 12.8          | 92                | 91        |
| Total Red Meat                       | 4,124.5               | 4,177.0       | 3,956.4       | 96                | 95        |

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available; includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - July 2010 1/

| Species | Arizona            |                   |                     | United States      |                   |                     |
|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|         | January - July     |                   |                     | January - July     |                   |                     |
|         | Number Slaughtered | Total Live Weight | Average Live Weight | Number Slaughtered | Total Live Weight | Average Live Weight |
|         | 1,000 Head         | 1,000 Pounds      | Pounds              | 1,000 Head         | 1,000 Pounds      | Pounds              |
| Cattle  | <b>314.1</b>       | <b>402,455</b>    | <b>1,286</b>        | 19,750.7           | 24,973,136        | 1,269               |
| Hogs    | <b>0.9</b>         | <b>209</b>        | <b>241</b>          | 62,169.4           | 16,845,580        | 271                 |

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

## Hired Workers Down 1 Percent, Wage Rates Up 2 Percent from a Year Ago

There were 1,244,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 894,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.82 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 16 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.12 per hour, up 8 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.05 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.14 per hour, was up 10 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

The largest decreases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in the Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Southern Plains (Oklahoma and Texas), Corn Belt I (Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio), Delta (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi), and Appalachian II (Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia) regions. In the Lake, Corn Belt I, and Appalachian II regions, weather conditions were wetter than last year's reference week. Fieldwork progress was slowed for nearly two days in some areas, lowering the demand for hired workers. Heavy rains and flooding occurred in parts of Texas, halting most field activities and reducing the need for hired workers in the Southern Plains region. In the

Delta region, declining demand from the nursery and greenhouse industries kept hired worker numbers below last year.

The largest increases in the number of hired workers from last year occurred in California, and in the Northern Plains (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota), Corn Belt II (Iowa and Missouri), Appalachian I (North Carolina and Virginia), and Mountain II (Colorado, Nevada, and Utah) regions. Above normal winter precipitation in California allowed more acreage to be cropped due to increased availability of irrigation water. Therefore, more hired workers were needed. In the Northern Plains and Mountain II regions, weather conditions were drier than last year's reference week. This allowed field activities to progress rapidly and increased the need for hired workers. Strong demand from the cattle and poultry industries in the Corn Belt II region pushed hired worker numbers above last year. In the Appalachian II region, increased requirements from the tobacco, vegetable, and fruit industries kept hired worker levels above the previous year.

Hired worker wage rates were generally above a year ago in most regions. The largest increases occurred in the Northern Plains, Northeast II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), Corn Belt I, and Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina) regions. In the Northern Plains, Corn Belt I and Southeast regions, the higher wages were due to a lower proportion of part time workers. The higher wages in the Northeast II region were due to a larger percentage of higher paid equine workers.

### Pasture and Range Crop Condition by Percent, Week Ending August 29, 2010

| State          | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent | State          | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|----------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| <i>Percent</i> |           |      |      |      |           | <i>Percent</i> |           |      |      |      |           |
| AL             | 9         | 24   | 43   | 23   | 1         | NJ             | -         | 30   | 40   | 30   | -         |
| AZ             | 19        | 5    | 15   | 41   | 20        | NM             | 5         | 9    | 33   | 42   | 11        |
| AR             | 26        | 36   | 30   | 8    | -         | NY             | 1         | 6    | 30   | 54   | 9         |
| CA             | 5         | 30   | 25   | 40   | -         | NC             | 4         | 20   | 36   | 38   | 2         |
| CO             | -         | 8    | 35   | 50   | 7         | ND             | -         | 6    | 31   | 55   | 8         |
| CT             | 3         | 36   | 43   | 18   | -         | OH             | 3         | 10   | 32   | 46   | 9         |
| DE             | 8         | 11   | 47   | 31   | 3         | OK             | 4         | 20   | 46   | 28   | 2         |
| FL             | -         | 3    | 12   | 70   | 15        | OR             | 23        | 30   | 37   | 10   | -         |
| GA             | 2         | 14   | 45   | 35   | 4         | PA             | 15        | 17   | 28   | 34   | 6         |
| ID             | 1         | 12   | 28   | 50   | 9         | RI             | -         | 13   | 50   | 37   | -         |
| IL             | 4         | 9    | 35   | 44   | 8         | SC             | 3         | 8    | 36   | 51   | 2         |
| IN             | 11        | 25   | 39   | 22   | 3         | SD             | 2         | 8    | 24   | 53   | 13        |
| IA             | 2         | 6    | 28   | 49   | 15        | TN             | 7         | 21   | 41   | 30   | 1         |
| KS             | 4         | 11   | 36   | 45   | 4         | TX             | 8         | 19   | 41   | 27   | 5         |
| KY             | 16        | 22   | 22   | 35   | 5         | UT             | 1         | 5    | 27   | 53   | 14        |
| LA             | 2         | 11   | 42   | 38   | 7         | VT             | 3         | 21   | 35   | 39   | 2         |
| ME             | 5         | 42   | 31   | 8    | 14        | VA             | 16        | 39   | 30   | 14   | 1         |
| MD             | 10        | 25   | 33   | 27   | 5         | WA             | 15        | 16   | 37   | 31   | 1         |
| MA             | -         | 7    | 27   | 66   | -         | WV             | 18        | 30   | 31   | 20   | 1         |
| MI             | 4         | 15   | 34   | 36   | 11        | WI             | 1         | 2    | 14   | 59   | 24        |
| MN             | -         | 1    | 13   | 66   | 20        | WY             | -         | 5    | 27   | 56   | 12        |
| MS             | 2         | 14   | 36   | 39   | 9         |                |           |      |      |      |           |
| MO             | 15        | 16   | 30   | 32   | 7         | 48 States      | 6         | 15   | 31   | 41   | 7         |
| MT             | 5         | 7    | 34   | 45   | 9         |                |           |      |      |      |           |
| NE             | 1         | 2    | 13   | 71   | 13        | Prev. Week     | 5         | 14   | 29   | 43   | 9         |
| NV             | 3         | 8    | 64   | 22   | 3         | Prev. Year     | 10        | 11   | 27   | 44   | 8         |
| NH             | 7         | 5    | 37   | 47   | 4         |                |           |      |      |      |           |

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### August Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 145 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 5 points (3.3 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, milk, and cattle and lower prices for broilers, lettuce, onions, and cantaloups. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and potatoes offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, strawberries, and milk.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 19 points (15 percent) from August 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 145, increased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month and increased 21 points (17 percent) from August 2009.

### Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The August Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 182 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from July but 5 points (2.8 percent) above

August 2009. Lower prices in August for nitrogen, feeder pigs, feeder cattle, and hay & forages offset higher prices for concentrates, diesel, feed grains, and LP gas.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, August 2009 and 2010 and July 2010

| Commodity            | Unit   | Arizona                     |                           |                          | United States               |                           |                          |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
|                      |        | August 2009<br>Entire Month | July 2010<br>Entire Month | August 2010<br>Mid-Month | August 2009<br>Entire Month | July 2010<br>Entire Month | August 2010<br>Mid-Month |
| Upland Cotton        | \$ Lb  | 1/                          | 1/                        | 1/                       | 0.477                       | 0.673                     | 0.626                    |
| Durum Wheat          | \$ Bu  | 6.90                        | 5.40                      | 1/                       | 5.83                        | 4.44                      | 5.01                     |
| Alfalfa Hay Baled 2/ | \$ Ton | 110.00                      | 130.00                    | 120.00                   | 109.00                      | 117.00                    | 116.00                   |
| Cows 3/              | \$ Cwt | 47.00                       | 61.00                     | 60.00                    | 45.50                       | 59.00                     | 58.20                    |
| Steers and Heifers   | \$ Cwt | 82.00                       | 93.00                     | 94.00                    | 85.10                       | 95.90                     | 97.70                    |
| Beef Cattle 4/       | \$ Cwt | 60.30                       | 79.20                     | 79.40                    | 80.40                       | 91.60                     | 93.20                    |
| Calves               | \$ Cwt | 110.00                      | 119.00                    | 125.00                   | 108.00                      | 120.00                    | 120.00                   |
| All Milk 5/          | \$ Cwt | 11.50                       | 15.90                     | 16.30                    | 12.10                       | 16.00                     | 16.60                    |

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Mid-month.

3/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

5/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

| Index 1990-92 = 100 | 2009 |        | 2010 |        |
|---------------------|------|--------|------|--------|
|                     | July | August | July | August |
| Prices Received     | 130  | 126    | 142  | 145    |
| Prices Paid         | 178  | 177    | 182  | 182    |
| Ratio 1/            | 73   | 71     | 78   | 80     |

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.